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TAGS: PINS, MOPS, VS

SUBJECT: SHOOTING DOWN OF JMC HELICOPTER

1. EMBASSY LEARNED AFTERNOON OF MAY 11 OF SHOOTING DOWN OF MARKED TPJMC HELICOPTER ABOUT 1200 HOURS LOCAL. CHOPPER, ONE OF TWO ON RETURN LEG OF LOC NINH LIAISON FLIGHT, WAS REPORTEDLY HIT IN TAIL SECTION BY SMALL ARMS FIRE AND DOWNED IN VICINITY OF TAU O, ON ROUTE 13 ABOUT 8 KMS. SOUTH OF AN LOC (COORDINATES XT765770). NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. ACCOMPANYING HELICOPTER LANDED IN SUPPORT. REPORTS VARY AS TO NUMBER OF PRG PERSONNEL ON BOARD BUT THERE WERE AT LEAST 3 AND POSSIBLY AS MANY AS 10, PLUS 2 GVN LIAISON PERSONNEL. ACCORDING TO LATE REPORT RECEIVED FROM AMCON GEN BIEN HOA, BOTH HELICOPTERS HAVE RETURNED TO BIEN HOA.

2. DESPITE QUICK AND RELATIVELY PAINLESS CONCLUSION TO TODAY'S INCIDENT, IT WILL LIKELY ADD FURTHER TO DIFFICULTIES WITHIN TPJMC AND FURTHER ERODE ICCS MORALE.
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